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CELEBRATING VETERANS DAY



2021 North Channel Library Veterans Appreciation Day L-R: Branch Manager Maria Rawls, Veterans Fred McCray, Anthony Mireles, Michael Kozey, Leonard Ferguson, Daniel Jason & Lauronzo Garman, Pct. 2 Veteran's Service Manager. Linda Jamail Photo

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX – November 11, 2021, the Harris County Public Library, North Channel Branch under the Direction of Branch Manager Maria Rawls (Adult Services) conducted its 1st Annual Veterans Day celebration event. Ms. Rawls welcomed and thanked the community for coming out to help celebrate and honor the home-grown heroes who bravely served this nation. She said, “this celebration is one way of showing our Veterans that we never forget them and that we salute their bravery and

the example that they have set before us to gain this freedom.”

Rawls thanked those who worked to put together the event, Student Practicum Amber McCarver, the library's staff and the following on the program; North Shore's JROTC – Coordinator Darrow Adams, MC/Sound and Music by Mikey Mike Singer, Desmond Bostick who sang the National Anthem and God Bless the USA,

Kathy Bostick was the emcee and she said,

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North Shore High School JROTC posting the colors for Veterans Day at North Channel Library. L-R: Alexandra Rayo, Kris Reyes, Betzhalee Rayo & Ashton Morgan. Coordinator Darrow Adams (not pictured) Linda Jamail Photo

Mustangs defeat Dobie 62-14, advance in Playoffs

By Allan Jamail

North Shore Nov. 11, GPISD Stadium – It was another no-contest football game when the East-side Boys scored 9 touchdowns over Pasadena Dobie Longhorns with a 62 – 14 win. The games Team Captains were: #80-Ronnie Hill, #34-Rashaad Johnson, #55-Ronald Wilson & #8-David Amador.

Coach Jon Kay's offense has proved over and over again they can run for TD's but his passing game netted zero passing TD's, not sure if this was by design or not. This season they have made a few passing TD's and hopefully they'll begin to balance their offense attack with both runs and passes. At game's end they only passed for 19 percent of their total 567 yards. A



Xavier Owens #32 games leading scorer with 3 TD's for Mustangs runs for a TD. Photo by Allan Jamail

balanced offense is usually a must in most bids for the state championship.

With easy opponents they've had this season it would've been good to fine tune their passing game. They have a stable of

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GP YELLOWJACKETS LOSE TO PN-G 70-20, END PLAYOFF HOPES
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Galena Park to construct a new Churchill Community Center

A new Churchill Community Center will be constructed.

Galena Park, the City of progress.

Given her commitment to offering spaces that ensure the safety and overall well-being of the Galena Park community, Mayor Esmeralda Moya announced the construction of the new Churchill community center, which will create a space where families can participate in different activities that improve their quality of life.

Esmeralda Moya, Mayor of Galena Park said “It is essential for us that our residents, particularly children and the elderly, feel safe and protected in an environment where they can create memories as well as strengthen ties.” This venue is for all Galena Park citizens to enjoy; we know that one of the most important factors for a community's optimal growth is the availability of programs that encourage physical and emotional development, which is why we are very pleased with the construction of this center.” said the mayor.

Accordingly, the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, Veronica Garcia, emphasized the significance of community support in the area's development. “The most important aspect is the collaboration between authorities and residents. The Civic Club of Galena Manor and community leaders who are pillars in



EDWARD LUIS ESPREE, MAYOR MOYA, COMMISSIONER V. GARCIA, JOHNETTA GOODLOE, ERONIA “TAGGY” HALL, HILLARY ESPREE

our community are two clear examples.”

The Churchill Center will have recreational areas and will be able to serve our citizens. Here, you will be provided with modern, high-quality facilities, guaranteeing that it perseveres over time and becomes a part of the history of future generations.

“Progress belongs to everyone, and together we will continue to advance toward an increasingly promising future, always at the forefront and as a team,” the mayor concluded.

Se construirá un nuevo Centro Comunitario.

Galena Park, la Ciudad del progreso.

Dado su compromiso de ofrecer espacios que garanticen la seguridad y el bienestar general de la comunidad de Galena Park, la alcaldesa Esmeralda Moya anunció la construcción del nuevo centro comunitario, que creará un espacio donde las familias puedan participar en diferentes actividades que mejoren

su calidad de vida.

Esmeralda Moya, Alcaldesa de Galena Park dijo que “es fundamental para nosotros que nuestros vecinos, en especial los niños y los ancianos, se sientan seguros y protegidos en un entorno donde puedan crear recuerdos y estrechar lazos”. Este lugar es para todos los ciudadanos de Galena Park, sabemos que uno de los factores más importantes para el óptimo crecimiento de una comunidad es la disponibilidad de programas que fomenten el desarrollo físico y emocional, por eso estamos muy complacidos con la construcción de este centro”, dijo la alcaldesa.

Asi mismo, la Comisionada de Parques y Recreación, Verónica García, enfatizó la importancia del apoyo de la comunidad en el desarrollo del área. “El aspecto más importante es la colaboración entre autoridades y vecinos. El Club Cívico de Galena Manor y los líderes comunitarios que son pilares en nuestra comunidad son dos claros ejemplos”.

El Centro comunitario tendrá áreas recreativas y podrá servir a nuestros ciudadanos de Galena Park. Aquí, contarás con unas instalaciones modernas y de alta calidad, que garantizan que perseverara en el tiempo y pasara a formar parte de la historia de las generaciones futuras.

“El progreso es de todos y juntos seguiremos avanzando hacia un futuro cada vez más prometedor, siempre a la vanguardia y en equipo”, concluyó la alcaldesa.

Testing available for PFAS contaminants in Water Wells

Do you or anyone you know in Channelview have a water well?

C.H.I.C. has been contacted by Texas Health & Environmental Alliance (THEA) looking for individuals with water wells in Channelview. THEA has been contacted by a group wanting to test Channelview water wells for PFAS.

If you or someone you know in Channelview has a water well and is agreeable to having their water tested please email C.H.I.C. at C.H.I.C.77530@gmail as soon as possible. We will forward the information to THEA. You may also contact Kristine Singleton at THEA directly by email at ksingleton@txhea.org if you prefer.

Please feel free to share this information by any means you may communicate i.e. person to person, phone, text, FaceBook, Nextdoor, etc.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) PFAS chemicals are known as "forever chemicals," a family of potentially thousands of synthetic chemicals that are extremely persistent in the environment and in our bodies. PFAS is short for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and includes chemicals known as

PFOS, PFOA and GenX. PFAS chemicals have been highly utilized in various industries because of their ability to repel oil and water. They've been manufactured since the 1940s and can be found in Teflon nonstick products, stains and water repellants, paints, cleaning products, food packaging and firefighting foams. A growing body of science has found that there are potential adverse health impacts associated with PFAS exposure, including liver damage, thyroid disease, decreased fertility, high cholesterol, obesity, hormone suppression and cancer. These chemicals can easily migrate into the air, dust, food, soil and water. They are water soluble and highly mobile. They can easily contaminate groundwater and can be hard to filter out. Since these substances don't break down naturally, our exposure to PFAS could continue for hundreds or thousands of years. People can also be exposed to them through food packaging and industrial exposure.

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Kelsey-Seybold Joins Dynamic Community, Opens Doors to New North Channel Clinic

On Aug. 23, Kelsey-Seybold celebrated the much-anticipated opening of its North Channel Clinic. Patients living nearby and residents in and around the North Channel area now have a convenient location close to home and work. The new 7,500-square-foot clinic is located at 5820 E. Sam Houston Parkway North in The Shops at Stone Park. Ample parking is available in front of the clinic.



Clinic Administrators Jackie Baker and Alvin Payne welcomed patients to the bright, modern clinic.



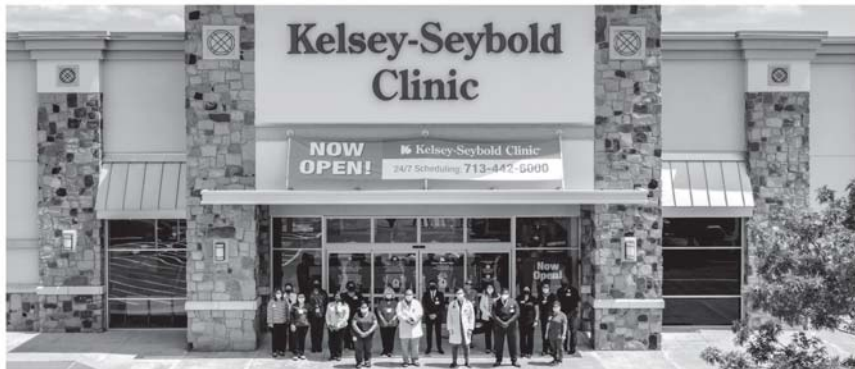
Ambulatory Services Representatives **Daniella Jackson** (left) and **Amanda Stringer** checked patients in for their appointments on opening day.



New Kelsey-Seybold Physician John Ruelas, M.D., Family Medicine, saw patients on opening day and said they all were excited to have a new clinic so close to home.



Adam Mitchell, M.D., Managing Physician at North Channel clinic, has been with Kelsey-Seybold for 13 years and is delighted to welcome new and current patients to the newly opened clinic.



Clinic staff and providers commemorated opening day at North Channel Clinic with a group photo

Left to right: **Jackie Baker**, Clinic Administrator, **Amanda Stringer**, Ambulatory Services Representative, **Febe Campuzano**, C.M.A.I., **Bianca Joseph**, Nursing Supervisor I, **Danielle Jackson**, Ambulatory Services Representative, **Fallon Wiggins**, Nurse Supervisor I, **Emma Escamilla**, R.M.A.E., **G.M.A.I.**, **Torri Harwell**, L.V.N., **Adam Mitchell**, M.D., Managing Physician, **John Rustas**, M.D., Family Medicine, **Cecilia Fowler**, Senior Director, Ambulatory Clinics, **Guatemala Rodriguez**, Director, Radiographic and Mammographic Imaging, **Alvin Payne**, Clinic Administrator, Summer Creek, **Denise Gomez**, Radiology Technician, **Reeshamah White**, Patient Service Technician II, **Christopher Newton**, Supervisor, Patient Service Center, and **Nancy Muldowney**, Radiology Supervisor.

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CHARLOTTE'S
WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Truly Blessed...

As I look around, I realize just how truly blessed I am. This week, I have served at two local food distribution sites and before the week is over, that number will double. When I have been out in the community passing out food to neighbors, my heart is so full. I saw single parents in the cars fighting back tears as the food is placed in their trunk. There were grandparents who could not help but thank those who were loading the vehicles. There were Veterans who would stop us to tell us that they never thought they would need a handout. I was blessed to assure them that it was not a handout, but instead a hand up.

America is the greatest county in the world and in my opinion, there is no place better than the eastside of Harris County to experience the love. Nothing makes you feel better than seeing the smiles on the faces of the recipients as well as the volunteers. When people ask why I am always out there helping some place, the answer is from my heart.

In the 50 years I have been a part of the East-side, I have been blessed to have grown up in a two parent home where we never had financial struggles like so many others. After I returned home from the University of Texas, I was blessed to be a volunteer with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Houston. I realized the roots that my parent, teachers and neighbors had given me. As I married and became a mother, I learned to appreciate the many community organizations that toughed lives in the area.

After becoming a single mother, I learned to research and find programs that would help my three children as well as myself live the best life with what we had.

As I went to work for San Jacinto College, Dr. Charles Grant introduced me not only to Rotary International but to the Rotaract Club of San Jacinto College. Who would have known that soon I would be the co-advisor of club until his departure in 2008 at which time, I became the advisor. During the next 18 years, my life was constantly touched by the generosity of the Rotary Club of North Shore as well as students who were looking to give back to the community and to learn about service through friendship. Some of the strongest relationships I have are due to this section of my journey.

Often when students were from a single parent home or perhaps just trying to “find themselves” they would look for a place to get involved. And many of them will tell you that once they met me, they learned to serve and be blessed.

I love this time of the year, not because I have a large family that gathers together or have traditions that have been passed down for generations, but because I know I can give of my time, talent and treasures and end up being truly blessed. If you want to experience life to the fullest, give a gift that cannot be repaid.

Veteran’s Day at NC Library,

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“thanks for coming out to our first Veterans Day Celebration. It has been my honor to organize and put together a program celebrating our Veterans, the real American Heroes. November 11th is set aside every year to recognize and honor our Veterans. We need to be thankful every day for our freedoms and the country in which we live. Thank you, veterans, for the sacrifices you have made to keep America the greatest nation on earth.”

“My hero will always be my dad, Sgt. Lawrence Sopchak, who served his country during the Korean War. He never talked about it much, he said it brought back too many bad memories and he lost too many friends. I feel certain we as civilians may never know what you veterans have lived through, but I also know we will never forget what sacrifices and love have been poured out for our great country.

To the Veterans that are here today, please accept our Thanks to you and all your sacrifices. We love you and everything you’ve done for us” Bostick concluded.

Guest Speaker, Pastor Rick Blount of the First Baptist Church of Jacinto City gave the history of the creation of Veterans Day and told of his dad’s military service. Veterans Day occurs on November 11 originally known as Armistice Day in 1918 signaling the end of World War I.

Attendees, participants and contributors included Friends of the North Channel Branch Library and President Omie Ferguson, Michelle Garcia, Jennifer Longoria, photographer, Ramon Nuno, Party City, Cindy Miller, Community Liaison Harris County Precinct 2, Linda Jamail, Community Liaison for Rep. Ana Hernandez, Helen Berrott Tims, Community Liaison for JP Joe Stephens, Army & Marine Recruitment Center (Anthony Mireles, Michael Kozey) and Channelview ISD.

SHELDON ISD NEWS

King High School celebrates seniors at last home football game

The King High School Panthers won 49-0 against Humble High School on Friday, November 5. The school celebrated seniors by recognizing members of the Class of 2022 involved in ROTC, band, cheer, choir and drill team. The Panthers finished their regular season 8-2 which advanced them to the playoffs.

The playoff game will be held on Friday, November 12 at Panther Stadium against Pasadena South Houston. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. This is the fourth consecutive year the King High School football team has made the playoffs, a feat that has not been done since 2005. Go, Panthers!



Schools honor veterans with special events

November 11 is Veterans Day, and Sheldon ISD campuses took time to honor and pay tribute to those who have served our country. Each campus celebrated in a unique way including providing lunch for Veterans and their families in the community, as well as writing appreciation cards and displaying them throughout the campus and online. The King High School AFROTC Saber Team presented colors and performed a ceremony to honor veterans. After the ceremony, veterans were treated to lunch. Sheldon ISD is thankful and appreciative for the dedication veterans have shown our country.



Sheldon recognizes STEM Day on November 8

Monday, November 8 is National STEM Day. Students are encouraged to explore their interests in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Our district implements STEM at all levels from early childhood academies to high school. Sheldon ISD provides our students with a model STEM program that develops lifelong learners who are prepared for post-secondary education and 21st century careers.



ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “A ‘behind-the-scenes’ look at mined diamonds”



Millions of people buy diamonds every single year as gifts or even as investments, but now more than ever, consumers are focused on how to obtain quality, mined diamonds, and with good reason. Over the past several years, some have turned to other stones or even lab-grown diamonds instead of the beautiful, naturally occurring stone that has been a symbol of love for decades.

Fortunately, it’s easier than ever to get high-quality, mined “natural” diamonds, but the key is to understand where to turn as you begin to shop.

Where Do Mined Diamonds Come From?

Diamonds are found close to the surface of the earth in a few key places. A little-known fact is that mining companies unearth the diamonds are held to very strict standards around the world. Mining companies are required to create a positive impact on the environment and societies located around the mines.

According to De Beers, nearly 76% of their mining sightholders undertake social initiatives outside of the mining process.

Those initiatives include a number of different programs including offering food and shelter to orphaned children and the homeless population, as well as scholarship funding for those who cannot afford an education at any level. For example, diamond manufacturer Shree Ramkrishna Exports is committed to sustainability, and they were the first to achieve a LEED Gold Green Building Certification. They’ve since attained additional green certifications including an ISO 50001 and ISO 14001 environmental certification for their ongoing efforts to conserve energy.

From the Mine to the Jeweler

Once diamonds they’re pulled from the earth, companies like De Beers hold Sights or events that allow them to market “rough” diamonds to sightholders. Typically, nearly 90% of diamonds are sold this way, and customers include some of the biggest diamantaires who work with the major diamond centers in the world today. These kinds of events happen routinely, about ten times a year, in London. Customers usually inspect the rough diamonds, then decide whether they wish to make a purchase. Every diamond at these events, though, comes from De Beers Group’s operations, all of which have been certified by the Responsible Jewelry Council Code of Practices. Moreover, they’re compliant with today’s Best Practice Principles that help guide the industry.

Often there are auctions, too, to help manufacturers and retailers meet their sourcing needs. In most cases, the manufacturers or retailers must be registered buyers, but because the industry is growing so quickly, big names like De Beers understand that this is the ideal way forward, serving as a catalyst for the diamond business today.

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GP Yellowjackets Season Ends in Playoffs; Lose 70-20 to PN-G



Galena Park High School football Head Coach Spiro Amarantos (center) gives some inspirational words to the disappointed Yellowjackets after losing in the playoffs. Amarantos congratulated the team for their winning season of a 88% district win record. Photo by Allan Jamail

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park Stadium on November 12, 2021 the GP Fighting Yellowjackets successful season ended with a playoff loss to the powerhouse Port Neches-Groves Indians 70-20.

Head Coach Spiro Amarantos' has produced winning football teams

consistently in his short period since becoming head coach in 2019. This year marks two consecutive seasons the Jackets reached the playoffs. Last season's playoff bid was the first time in ten years for the team to qualify for the playoffs. This year's team entered the playoffs with an impressive 7 wins and 1 loss

record, 88% district win record.

In the playoff game the Indians jumped out to a 14 - 0 lead but the Jackets fought back scoring twice ending the 1st quarter 14-13. They had an opportunity to pull ahead but failed to move the ball across the goal; giving the ball to the Indians, after that it was all over.

CORRECTION: In last week's paper, this photo ran with an incorrect caption. The corrected version is below.

Jackets 30 – Willowridge Eagles 14 / Nov. 6th.



Jackets Jordan Balderas catches QB. Ivan Reyes TD pass. Jackets defeat Willowridge 30 -14 Nov. 6th.

Mustangs defeat Dobie 62-14, advance in Area Round 2 Playoffs



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good running backs which is a good thing; much of their success comes from the offensive line and downfield blocking. But successful passing is not as easy it's much more demanding. It requires the quarterback and receivers to be on the same page and this takes practice between the two to develop perfect timing.

No one has to tell this to Coach Kay, he's the winningest Texas 6A Division 1 State Championship Coach with 3 state championships.

North Shore's offense was so successful even with the first unit sitting out they never had to punt the ball during the game. In other words they scored every time they had the ball on offense, something rarely ever happening.

Their nine rushing touchdowns were made by: Xavier Owens-3, QB-Kaleb Bailey-2, Javin Logan-1, QB-Aubrey Broussard-1,Treyventa

Hilliard-1 & QB-Darrel Jean-1. Carlos Dominguez and Andres Montes-Zamora kicked the extra points.

Mustang leading rushers: Xavier Owens 7-131, Kaleb Bailey13-126, Treyventa Hilliard 4-79, Darrel Jean 1-75, Aubrey Broussard 2-27, & Javin Logan 2-6.

Freshman quarterback Kaleb Bailey threw for 108 yds. completing 66% of his passes. His receivers were Joseph Richard 1-35, D'Andre Hardeman 2-32, David Amador 1-19 & Jhalyn Bailey 1-18.

North Shore's consistent tough defense only allowed 337 yds. The Dobie running game made 220 yds. averaging 4 yds. a carry and 137 yds. passing, averaging 20 yds. a pass. Caleb Flagg intercepted a Longhorn pass.

North Shore's next playoff game is with Clear Springs of League City, Friday, November 19 at 7pm in Webster at Challenger-Columbia Stadium. Statistician Linda Jamail, Allanj211@aol.com.



The Mustangs Bailey brother duo scored several TD's. Left, Senior running back #12 Jhalyn Bailey & freshman quarterback #15 Kaleb Bailey Photo by Allan Jamail



Mustang senior running back #12 Jhalyn Bailey drags Longhorn Trevon Johnson to the goal line. Photo by Allan Jamail



Mustangs team tackling #7 Jayven Anderson & #10 Kent Battle bring down Longhorn running back #4Jalen Baldwin. Photo by Allan Jamail



Freshman quarterback #15 Kaleb Bailey on a 23 yd. run crosses the goal for his 2nd Mustang TD. Photo by Allan Jamail



#25 Treyventa Hillard Senior Mustang running back outruns 2 Longhorn defenders for 63 yds. & the games 9th & final TD. Photo by Allan Jamail

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In the J. Justin Jenson Conference Room, 9600 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, TX.
The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Barbers Hill ISD's rating on the
State's financial accountability system.

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REVENUES					
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5900 Federal program revenues	832,789	-	359,250	2,415,838	3,607,877
5020 Total revenues	116,084,493	37,602,459	2,432,302	5,662,689	161,781,943
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Current:					
0011 Instruction	48,310,420	-	3,341,101	1,705,238	53,356,759
0012 Instructional resources and media services	620,864	-	59,655	46,144	726,663
0013 Curriculum and instructional staff development	1,479,121	-	-	111,432	1,590,553
0021 Instructional leadership	500,836	-	-	-	500,836
0023 School leadership	4,223,539	-	5,922	-	4,229,461
0031 Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	3,131,948	-	6,439	177,997	3,316,384
0032 Social work services	373,362	-	-	3,564	376,926
0033 Health services	1,793,375	-	13,599	-	1,806,974
0034 Student transportation	2,319,457	-	406,654	-	2,726,111
0035 Food services	30,561	-	-	3,341,318	3,371,879
0036 Extracurricular activities	2,293,536	-	193,332	400,096	2,886,964
0041 General administration	3,523,367	-	30,970	-	3,554,337
0051 Plant maintenance and operations	8,499,473	-	298,386	-	8,797,859
0052 Security and monitoring services	802,593	-	101,564	6,347	910,504
0053 Data processing services	1,574,731	-	175,821	4,909	1,755,461
0061 Community services	26,473,468	-	-	-	26,473,468
Debt service:					
0071 Principal on long-term debt	-	19,865,000	-	-	19,865,000
0072 Interest on long-term debt	-	14,277,560	-	-	14,277,560
0073 Issuance costs and fees	-	8,503	1,126,425	-	1,134,928
Capital outlay:					
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction	91,944	-	61,785,053	-	61,876,997
Intergovernmental:					
0091 Contracted instructional services between schools	11,951,718	-	-	-	11,951,718
0098 Payments of Ad Valorem Tax Credits	3,603,370	-	-	-	3,603,370
0099 Other intergovernmental charges	618,865	-	-	-	618,865
6030 Total expenditures	122,216,548	34,151,063	67,544,921	5,797,045	229,709,577
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(6,132,055)	3,451,396	(65,112,619)	(134,356)	(67,927,634)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
7911 Capital-related debt issued (general obligation bonds)	-	-	139,515,000	-	139,515,000
7915 Transfers in	-	-	12,193	21,325	33,518
7916 Premium or (discount) on issuance of bonds	-	747,259	26,611,426	-	27,358,685
8911 Transfers out	(33,518)	-	-	-	(33,518)
7080 Total other financing sources (uses)	(33,518)	747,259	166,138,619	21,325	166,873,685
1200 Net change in fund balances	(6,165,573)	4,198,655	101,026,000	(113,031)	98,946,051
0100 Fund balances - beginning	49,178,393	14,862,872	27,407,458	375,407	91,824,130
Commutative effect of adoption of GASB 84	-	-	-	498,062	498,062
Fund balances - beginning, as restated	49,178,393	14,862,872	27,407,458	873,469	92,322,192
3000 FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 43,012,820	\$ 19,061,527	\$ 128,433,458	\$ 760,438	\$ 191,268,243
The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.					

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 - Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
 - Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
 - Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings
- Note: The Moderna COVID-19 booster dose is half of the dose that is administered for the primary

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Additional doses and vaccine boosters are free at HCPH designated sites and vaccine appointments are not required, although recommended. Go to vacstrac.hctx.net or call 832-927-8787. To find a location near you click here. Please remember to bring your COVID-19 vaccination card with you to receive a booster shot.

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